

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Public Health Accreditation Plaque Presentation by Dr. Leah Devlin, State Health Director, NC Division of Public Health

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from NC Local Health Department Accreditation Board

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Dr. Leah Devlin has arranged to visit Henderson County to personally present the NC Public Health Accreditation plaque. Ordinarily a representative from her office presents this award, but Dr. Devlin was testifying at a Senate Hearing on Capitol Hill, Washington DC, and could not be present for the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the new Human Services Building. Henderson County is among thirty-four (34) local health departments in North Carolina that have attained this distinction, and there are fewer than fifty (50) local public health departments nationally that have been accredited so far.

The Henderson County Board of Health has agreed to be on hand as well as select health department staff members who had key roles and responsibilities in the Accreditation effort.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No specific Board Action is requested. The presentation is for informational purposes only.

Suggested Motion:

No motion suggested.



North Carolina

Local Health Department Accreditation Board

21 December 2007

Tom Bridges
Health Director
Henderson County Health Department
1200 Spartanburg Hwy.
Hendersonville NC 28792

Dear Tom,

On behalf of the NC Local Health Department Accreditation Board, I would like to congratulate the Henderson County Health Department for becoming one of the first 34 health departments in NC to be accredited!

The focus of North Carolina's Local Health Department Accreditation (NCLHDA) is on the capacity of the local health department to perform at a prescribed, basic level of quality the three core functions of assessment, policy development, and assurance and the ten essential services of public health. It is now required by legislation that all health departments will be accredited. Henderson County, I am pleased to say is one of the first 34 health departments to be accredited in the state. Accreditation represents what the staff does for the community in preparation for day-to-day activities, but also to be prepared for any type of public health emergency. The instrument that is used to evaluate the health department includes 41 benchmarks and 148 activities, all of which were passed by the Henderson County Health Department with the exception of one activity.

The Accreditation Board has a true appreciation for all of the hard work completed by the Agency Accreditation Coordinator (AAC), Terri Arrington, and the rest of the health department staff. Achieving accreditation is truly an accomplishment that your health department and community should be very proud of.

The Accreditation Board truly appreciates your dedication to improving the public's health in NC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Moses Carey, Jr." in a cursive style.

Mr. Moses Carey, Jr.
2007 Board Chair
NC Local Health Department Accreditation Board

CC: David Stone, Accreditation Administrator, NC Local Health Department Accreditation
Terri Arrington, Agency Accreditation Coordinator, Henderson County Health Department
John D. Bell, MD, Chair, Henderson County Board of Health